the country. The policy endeavours to achieve time bound goals at national level in respect of certain diseases and health indicators over a period of 10 years starting from 2005. The policy envisages a key role for the Central Government in designing programmes with active participation of the State Governments and other stake holders in implementing these programmes.

Of the targets set for the years 2005 and 2006, goals have already been achieved in respect of eradication of YAWS, Leprosy, establishing of an Integrated System of Surveillance and putting in place a system of National Health Accounts in the Ministry while for eradication of polio revised target is end 2008. In respect of other targets, planning efforts have already been initiated to achieve the time bound goals.

(b) Health is primarily a state subject and it is for the State Governments to regulate the functioning of the private hospitals/clinics under their jurisdiction. A few states have enacted laws for regulation of private hospitals and clinics. At present there is no regulatory authority at the Central Government level to regulate private hospitals.

Child deaths due to various diseases in North-Eastern Region

†4057. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that 15 to 35 per cent of young boys and girls die of disease like AIDS, drugs and malaria and only 50 per cent children survive till attaining the age of 15 years as per a survey conducted recently in North-Eastern Region;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that mortality rate of mother and child during delivery and hypertension is also quite high in North-Eastern Region; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and would be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.